

### ***In the Claims***

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1     1.   [Previously presented] A computer implemented method  
2     for generating a goods receipt for approving and paying an  
3     invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match  
4     whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a  
5     purchase order, and goods received must match those stated  
6     in quality and quantity against said purchase order,  
7     comprising the steps of:

8           receiving a requisition from a requestor of  
9           commodities;

10          marking said commodities upon said requisition as  
11          either receivable or non-receivable commodities,  
12          receivable commodities including selected commodities  
13          that do not flow through a receiving dock where a dock  
14          worker creates a receipt transaction into an  
15          application which bridges to an accounts payable system  
16          where a three way match of goods received, purchase  
17          order, and invoice occurs;

18          receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

19          matching said invoice to said purchase order and  
20          determining if said invoice relates to an item  
21          designated on said invoice as receivable;

22          generating from said invoice a notification to said  
23          requestor of commodities that includes information

24 needed to pay the invoice and a selectable button for  
25 generating a response for authorizing or rejecting  
26 payment to enable said three way match by said  
27 requestor of goods received, purchase order, and  
28 invoice;

29 for commodities marked as receivable including those  
30 selected commodities that do not flow through said  
31 receiving dock, executing a positive confirmation  
32 process including:

33 responsive to a response generated by said  
34 requestor authorizing payment, creating an  
35 automated receipt transaction file and entering  
36 said transaction file into an enterprise resource  
37 planning system for payment; and

38 responsive to a response generated by said  
39 requestor rejecting payment, creating an e-mail  
40 notification to accounts payable for returning  
41 said invoice to said vendor;

42 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a  
43 negative confirmation process.

2-9 [Canceled]

1 10. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1,  
2 said positive confirmation process further comprising the  
3 steps of recording the acceptance or rejection of payment of  
4 an invoice to a database at a front-end requisition and  
5 catalog server; and notifying a back-end procurement

6 services system when payment of an invoice is accepted by,  
7 further comprising the step on a scheduled basis, [[of]]  
8 executing a bridge for sending data from said database at  
9 said front-end requisition and catalog server to said back-  
10 end procurement services system for new invoice items for  
11 which payment has been accepted.

12 11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising  
13 the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end  
14 procurement services system said new invoice items for which  
15 payment has been accepted.

1 12. [Currently amended] The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 10,  
2 further comprising the steps of:

3 directing said requestor to review a positive  
4 confirmation notice within a front-end requisition and  
5 catalog system;

6 responsive to said requestor logging in to said front-  
7 end system, displaying said notification.

1 13. [Currently amended] System for generating a goods  
2 receipt for approving and paying an invoice for commodities  
3 triggered by a three way match whereby said invoice must  
4 match terms and conditions of a purchase order, and goods  
5 received must match those stated in quality and quantity  
6 against said purchase order, comprising:

7 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-  
8 end server for marking said commodities upon  
9 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable

10 commodities, receivable commodities including selected  
11 commodities that do not flow through a receiving dock  
12 where a dock worker creates a receipt transaction into  
13 an application which bridges to an accounts payable  
14 system where a three way match of goods received,  
15 purchase order, and invoice occurs;

16 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving  
17 positive confirmation notices and providing positive  
18 confirmation responses;

19 a back-end procurement services system;

20 said front-end system responsive to receiving an  
21 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of  
22 requisition as a non-receivable commodity that was  
23 sourced from said front-end server of executing a  
24 negative confirmation process for payment  
25 authorization;

26 said front-end server being responsive receiving an  
27 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of  
28 requisition as a receivable commodity for executing a  
29 positive confirmation process for payment authorization  
30 including matching said invoice to said purchase order  
31 to identify an invoiced item as a receivable commodity,  
32 generating from said invoice for said receivable  
33 commodity a notification to an authorizer that includes  
34 information needed to authorize payment of said invoice  
35 by generating said goods receipt and a selectable  
36 button for authorizing or rejecting payment to enable  
37 said three way match by said requestor of goods

38 received, purchase order, and invoice; and

39 said front-end server being responsive to a goods

40 receipt generated by said authorizer authorizing

41 payment for an invoice received for a commodity marked

42 at requisition as a receivable commodity for creating

43 an automated receipt transaction file and entering said

44 transaction file into said back-end system for payment.

14-16 [Canceled]

1 17. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable

2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions

3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for

4 generating a goods receipt for use in approving and paying

5 an invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match

6 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a

7 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated

8 in quality and quantity against said purchase order, said

9 method steps comprising:

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11 marking said commodities upon requisition as either

12 receivable or non-receivable commodities, receivable

13 commodities including selected commodities that do not

14 flow through a receiving dock where a dock worker

15 creates a receipt transaction into an application which

16 bridges to an accounts payable system where a three way

17 match of goods received, purchase order, and invoice

18 occurs;

19 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

20 determining if an item for goods on said invoice is for  
21 a commodity item marked on said purchase order as  
22 receivable or non-receivable;

23 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item  
24 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,  
25 executing a negative confirmation process for payment  
26 authorization;

27 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item  
28 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity  
29 consisting of those selected commodities that do not  
30 flow through said receiving dock, executing a positive  
31 confirmation process for payment authorization,  
32 including:

33 matching said invoice to said purchase order;

34 generating from said invoice a notification to an  
35 authorizer that includes information needed to pay  
36 the invoice and a selectable button for  
37 authorizing or rejecting payment to generate said  
38 goods receipt to enable said three way match of  
39 good receipt, purchase order, and invoice; and

40 responsive to a goods receipt input by said  
41 authorizer authorizing payment of a receivable  
42 commodity item, creating an automated receipt  
43 transaction file and entering said transaction  
44 file into a system for payment.

18. [Canceled]

1 19. [Currently amended] A computer program product for  
2 generating a goods receipt for approving an invoice for  
3 commodities for payment triggered by a three way match  
4 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a  
5 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated  
6 in quality and quantity against said purchase order,  
7 comprising:

8 a computer readable medium;

9 first program instructions for receiving a requisition  
10 for commodities from a requestor and marking said  
11 commodities selectively as receivable and non-  
12 receivable commodities, receivable commodities  
13 including selected commodities that do not flow through  
14 a receiving dock where a dock worker creates a receipt  
15 transaction into an application which bridges to an  
16 accounts payable system where a three way match of  
17 goods received, purchase order, and invoice occurs;

18 second program instructions for receiving said invoice  
19 for commodities from a vendor and determining whether  
20 said commodities have been marked at requisition as  
21 receivable or non-receivable;

22 third program instructions responsive to receiving an  
23 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a  
24 receivable commodity consisting of those selected  
25 commodities that do not flow through said receiving  
26 dock for executing a positive confirmation  
27 process including matching said invoice to said purchase  
28 order, generating from said invoice a notification to

29        said requestor that includes information needed to pay  
30        the invoice and a selectable button for generating a  
31        goods receipt authorizing or rejecting payment to  
32        enable said three way match of goods received, purchase  
33        order, and invoice, and responsive to authorization by  
34        said requestor, creating from said goods receipt an  
35        automated receipt transaction file and entering said  
36        transaction file into a system for payment;

37        fourth program instructions responsive to receiving an  
38        invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a non-  
39        receivable commodity for executing a negative  
40        confirmation process; and wherein

41        said first, second, third and fourth program  
42        instructions are recorded on said medium.